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MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff, CHIVE Task Force

SUBJECT : Organization Changes

1. As you are aware, [] has left the CHIVE Task Force to serve as a full-time member of the OCR Area Reorganization Planning Group (RPG). His departure, together with the conclusion of certain design tasks and the assumption of other design problems by the RPG, necessitates some tidying up of the management structure within the Task Force. Accordingly, I am regrouping personnel and functions formerly distributed amongst three CHIVE components--IPS, IRDG, and SISG--into one unit entitled Integration and Support Group, which will be headed by []

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2. The mission of the ISG will be to complete the remaining CHIVE development tasks; to integrate, with the assistance and cooperation of C/COG, completed tasks and system capabilities with the COG structure and test goals; to continue the production of SKAN; to develop and direct in cooperation with C/COG a test of the CHIVE system; and to coordinate wherever possible, products and activities of PDG with the activities of ISG.

3. Our principal immediate objective is to begin testing all elements of the CHIVE input process in as realistic a manner as possible. I am confident that we will have some EDP support capability in advance of the completion of CAPRI, which will enable us to do some retrieval processing in order to evaluate the effectiveness of our indexing and other input procedures.

4. In view of the manpower reductions that have been imposed on OCR, we are obliged of necessity to examine not only the various options we have under the

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basic CHIVE system which would permit reductions in input costs, but also to examine at least one other major input system alternative which, while retaining all the basic features of the CHIVE information language including all-topic exploitation (i.e., personalities, organizations, subjects, etc.), would significantly reduce input time, albeit at some cost to our retrieval effectiveness.

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5. One advantage to the CHIVE effort, stemming from the establishment of the ARPG and the related directive to OCR to implement the reorganization of the Office on geographic lines, is that certain of the CHIVE tasks which have been held up because of the necessity for the Office to make certain basic decisions in such areas as space planning, security policy, etc., will now move forward, although on another front, since decisions and action are required in these same areas in order to implement the geographic organization concept. In reality one can view the present activity within OCR as constituting the implementation of many of the CHIVE design objectives without awaiting the results of any COG testing and experience--e.g., organization on geographic rather than functional lines, integrated all-source processing, single-point service, etc. Thus, while in many ways it is a time of confusion because of diverse activities occurring on various fronts, we can take some satisfaction in the fact that the climate is one of forward movement, however awkward and confused, towards a new kind of central reference activity which will have many, if not all, of the features of the CHIVE design.

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